



PSCTaS

## Useful Links: Children's Services Early Childhood / Parenting

### Professional Support Coordinators

Tasmania	<a href="http://www.psctas.org.au">www.psctas.org.au</a>
South Australia	<a href="http://www.pscsa.org.au">www.pscsa.org.au</a>
Western Australia	<a href="http://www.pscwa.org.au">www.pscwa.org.au</a>
Northern Territory	<a href="http://www.pscnt.org.au">www.pscnt.org.au</a>
Queensland	<a href="http://www.pscq.org.au">www.pscq.org.au</a>
New South Wales	<a href="http://www.cscentral.org.au">www.cscentral.org.au</a>
Victoria	<a href="http://www.cccvic.org.au">www.cccvic.org.au</a>
ACT	<a href="http://www.actpsc.com.au">www.actpsc.com.au</a>

## National

### **Department of Families, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA)**

FaCSIA assists families to participate in the social and economic life of the community through the provision of support for child care services.

[www.facs.gov.au/childcare](http://www.facs.gov.au/childcare)

### **Early Childhood Australia**

ECA is the national peak body for early childhood which works with government, early childhood professionals, parents and other carers of young children and various lobby groups to secure the best range of options and outcomes for children as they develop.

<http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au>

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**National Childcare Accreditation Council Inc.**

NCAC is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Quality Assurance (QA) systems for Family Day Care schemes, Outside School Hours Care services and Centre-based services across Australia.

[www.ncac.gov.au](http://www.ncac.gov.au)

**National Outside School Hours Services Association**

This site contains useful links, publications and also Fact Sheets relating to QA principles and supporting information for services.

[www.nosha.org.au](http://www.nosha.org.au)

[www.netoosh.org.au](http://www.netoosh.org.au)

**National Association of Community Based Services**

NACBCS is the peak representative body for all Australian community owned children's services including Long Day Care and Out of School Hours Care services, which operates as a non-profit organisation.

<http://www.nacbcs.org.au>

**National Family Day Care Council of Australia**

<http://www.familydaycare.com.au>

**Playgroup Australia**

Playgroup Tasmania Branch contact phone is 1800 171 882 (toll free)

[www.playgroupaustralia.com.au](http://www.playgroupaustralia.com.au)

**Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care**

<http://www.snaicc.asn.au>

## State (Tasmania)

**Tasmanian Child Care Unit.**

This site contains State Licensing information, information on Tasmanian Child Care Standards and the State Child Care Act 2001, the newsletter [Child Care Update](#) and links to National Standards for child care services.

[www.childcare.tas.gov.au](http://www.childcare.tas.gov.au)

**Department of Education**

The department is responsible for providing public education, vocational education and training, adult and community education, library and archives services throughout Tasmania

<http://www.education.tas.gov.au>

**Lady Gowrie Tasmania**

Lady Gowrie Tasmania is a lead provider of services to children, families and early childhood professionals

<http://www.gowrie-tas.com.au>

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## Children and Families

### **Bullying In Schools**

This site provides information and free resources concerned with bullying in schools in Australia. The purpose is to help people understand more about bullying and how to prevent or stop it. It is of special interest to educators, children and parents.

<http://www.education.unisa.edu.au/bullying/>

### **Child and Youth Health**

Information for parents and other carers of young children on general health and other children's issues

[www.cyh.com.au](http://www.cyh.com.au)

### **Disability Online**

Information for people with a disability, their families and carers.

[www.disability.vic.gov.au](http://www.disability.vic.gov.au)

### **Disability Speaks All Languages**

This site is being developed as a one stop site for information on disability in languages other than English.

[www.dircsa.org.au/dsal](http://www.dircsa.org.au/dsal)

### **Early Childhood Connections**

Early Childhood Connections is an Australian website, containing more than 400 Australian and 370 international website links! These links are collated alphabetically and in submenus to provide easy viewing access. Up to date information for professionals and parents interested in the early years.

<http://www.ecconnections.com.au>

### **Good Beginnings Australia**

Good Beginnings aims to create a caring environment with families, communities, service agencies and governments working together so that all children can have a good beginning.

<http://www.goodbeginnings.net.au/main.php>

### **Fight hate and promote tolerance**

This site contains resources for talking with children about tough issues, such as gender bias, racism, war, name calling, body image, cyber-bullying, teasing & bullying and understanding terms such as "gay". It encourages the nurturing of tolerance by teachers, parents and children with supportive printable information and websites.

[www.tolerance.org](http://www.tolerance.org)

### **National Investment for the Early Years**

This site contains conference details and early years current research and policy information from around the world.

[www.niftey.cyh.com](http://www.niftey.cyh.com)

### **Raising Children Network**

This is a national parenting website that provides developmental information on child rearing (through to adolescents) for Australian parents and practitioners.

Free online newsletter available to subscribe to.

<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

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**Northern NSW Migrant Resource Centre**

This site contains a parenting guidebook 'Parenting children in a new culture – the preschool age' in Arabic, Samoan & Chinese, a guide to other resources and talking books.

[www.mrcne.org.au/FamilyRelationshipSupportServices.htm](http://www.mrcne.org.au/FamilyRelationshipSupportServices.htm)

**Parenting SA**

This site contains parenting guides, guides for Aboriginal parents and a range of support and information on parenting issues as well as other useful links.

<http://www.parenting.sa.gov.au/>

## Children's Programs

**Child and Youth Health, Department of Human Services, SA Government.**

Health information designed for children by children.

[www.cyh.com](http://www.cyh.com)

**Department of Education Tasmania**

Essential Learnings curriculum, Essential Connections

[www.ltag.education.tas.gov.au/](http://www.ltag.education.tas.gov.au/)

**Digital Documentation**

A site with resources to assist with the program, documentation and working with young children in the age of digital technology.

[www.digitalpreschool.com.au](http://www.digitalpreschool.com.au)

**Inspired by Reggio Emilia Preschools of Northern Italy**

Australian organisation and links

[www.reaie.org.au/](http://www.reaie.org.au/)

**Innovation and current research**

The Centre for Equity and Innovation in Early Childhood was established in November 1991 at the University of Melbourne. Since it began, the centre has developed a strong research culture and international reputation for its work in equity and change research, professional development and teaching.

[www.edfac.unimelb.edu.au/ceiec/](http://www.edfac.unimelb.edu.au/ceiec/)

**New Zealand Ministry of Education**

Te Whariki and early childhood.

<http://minedu.govt.nz>

**Network of Community Activities**

This site provides information, advocacy and support for OSHC and Vacation Care.

[www.netoosh.org](http://www.netoosh.org)

**Multicultural Resources and Bi-cultural support**

Fka Children's Services encourage quality early childhood services for children and families throughout Victoria and Tasmania.

[www.fka.com.au](http://www.fka.com.au)

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### **National Association for the Education of Young Children**

<http://www.naeyc.org>

## **Protective Care and Safety of Children**

### **Australian Immunisation website**

Phone 1800 671 811

<http://immunise.health.gov.au>

### **Cancer Council Tasmania**

The Cancer Council Tasmania is a community organisation that works to minimise the impact of cancer on all Tasmanians. This site contains information on sun protection for children (in childcare and schools) and adults (workplaces) and also resources to support policy development, sun safe environments, clothing etc.

[www.cancertas.org.au](http://www.cancertas.org.au)

### **Communicable Disease Prevention Unit**

[www.dhhs.tas.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au)

[www.ashm.org.au/surveillance](http://www.ashm.org.au/surveillance)

### **Children's health**

The Centre for Community Health is an internationally recognised centre for excellence supporting and empowering communities to continually improve health, wellbeing and quality of life of children and families now and for the future.

[www.rch.org.au/ccch](http://www.rch.org.au/ccch)

### **NAPCAN Foundation**

This site contains information, resources a list of events and raises public awareness about child protection. Take the challenge to raise awareness of being a Child Friendly Community.

[www.napcan.org.au/](http://www.napcan.org.au/)

### **National Prescribing Service Ltd**

This site contains information about common colds in children and free resources which can be ordered. It also has a newsletter with downloadable articles (developed in conjunction with national childcare organisations).

[www.gottacold.com](http://www.gottacold.com)

### **Protective Behaviours Consultancy**

This site encourages adults and children to identify and deal with potentially unsafe or risky situations such as: being home alone, an approach by an unknown person, verbal, physical, sexual or emotional abuse, harassment, bullying and domestic violence. It provides people with strategies to keep themselves safe and deal with situations that threaten their well being. Recommended site for OSHC services.

<http://www.edsite.com.au/pbwa/>

[www.pbautsralia.com](http://www.pbautsralia.com)

[www.protective-behaviours.org.au](http://www.protective-behaviours.org.au)

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**Public and Environmental Health**

Communicable Diseases Prevention Unit  
Communicable Diseases Surveillance Team

- Notifiable Diseases in Tasmania
- Immunisation Entry Requirements for School & Childcare

[www.dhhs.gov.au/agency/chs/pubenviron.php](http://www.dhhs.gov.au/agency/chs/pubenviron.php)

**Material Safety Data Sheets**

[www.msds.com.au](http://www.msds.com.au)

**NSW Department of Primary Industries**

This site contains a list of Poisonous Plants in the Garden.

<http://www.agric.nsw.au/reader/weeds-identification>

**National Health and Medical Research Council**

Order Staying Healthy in Childcare updates and other child health publications.

Phone Free call 1800 020 104

[www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au)

**Australian Childhood Foundation**

This site provides advice on developing child protection policies.

[www.childhood.org.au](http://www.childhood.org.au)

[www.childhood.org.au/resources/](http://www.childhood.org.au/resources/) free download of resources on parenting, child abuse and exploitation and community resources on protecting children. Site has definitions, statistics, causes, recognition, acting, reporting and the impact of child abuse.

Also:

[www.stopchildabuse.com](http://www.stopchildabuse.com)

[www.kidscount.com.au/info/topics.asp](http://www.kidscount.com.au/info/topics.asp)

<http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/careandprotection/>

**Sids and Kids**

This site provides fact sheets and current advice on safe sleeping practices for infants, research on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, emergency responses, training modules for staff and policy information. Child Care package kits available for purchase to assist services.

[www.sidsandkids.org](http://www.sidsandkids.org)

**Kidsafe website**

Useful for assisting services when purchasing equipment or resources and when reviewing children's safety in either the centre or home. Kidsafe fact sheets available in nine languages on the Victorian website.

[www.kidsafevic.com.au](http://www.kidsafevic.com.au)

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## Health, Nutrition & Well Being

### **The Asthma Foundation**

The Asthma Foundation of Australia provides advice, counselling, education and accredited training to people with asthma, their carers, Health Professionals, First Aiders and the community.

[www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

### **Eat Smart, Play Smart**

This website is part of the Heart Foundation site and offers information on the importance of healthy eating and physical activity for children. The Eat Smart Play Smart Manual is specifically written for OSHC Services and can be ordered here.

[www.heartfoundation.com.au/eatsmartplaysmart](http://www.heartfoundation.com.au/eatsmartplaysmart)

### **National Heart Foundation Australia**

Australia's leading non profit heart health charity.

[www.heartfoundation.com.au](http://www.heartfoundation.com.au)

### **Nutrition Australia**

<http://www.nutritionaustralia.org>

### **Happy Teeth Resource Kit**

This site contains a wide range of information on children's dental needs, together with resources able to be ordered.

[www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/proo\\_programs/happy\\_teeth.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/proo_programs/happy_teeth.asp)

### **Westmead Children's Hospital**

A comprehensive range of health topics, with many available in other languages.

[www.chw.edu.au/parents/factsheets/teeth](http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/factsheets/teeth)

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## Registered Training Providers/Accredited Courses for administration using a controlled dose adrenalin injecting device for Anaphylaxis.

**St John Ambulance**

[www.tas.stjohn.org.au](http://www.tas.stjohn.org.au)

**Anaphylaxis Australia**

This organisation strives to raise awareness of life threatening allergies in the community and provides science-based information, resources and services to support children and adults living with anaphylaxis.

[www.allergyfacts.org.au](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au)

## Employer and Industrial Organisations

**Child Care Act 2001**

[www.childcare.tas.gov.au](http://www.childcare.tas.gov.au)

**Acts of Parliament**

Go to law and public safety section. There are also links to other Tasmanian community service organisations eg. Tas Fire Dept.

[www.service.tas.gov.au](http://www.service.tas.gov.au)

**Public and Private Industrial Awards Tasmania**

[www.pat.tas.gov.au](http://www.pat.tas.gov.au)

**WageNet**

WageNet provides information about wages and conditions of employment in Australia for work that is covered by federal awards and agreements.

[www.wagenet.gov.au](http://www.wagenet.gov.au)

**Workplace Standards**

[www.wst.tas.gov.au](http://www.wst.tas.gov.au)

**Australian Taxation Office (ATO)**

The Australian Taxation Office is the Government's principal revenue collection agency and is part of the Treasurer's portfolio.

[www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

**Centrelink**

Centrelink is an agency of the Department of Human Services delivering a range of services to the community.

[www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

**Non-Profit Governance and Management Centre**

Provides support and resources to the boards and executive management committees in non profit organisations.

[www.governance.com.au](http://www.governance.com.au)

[www.ourcommunity.com.au](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au)